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Report Card on Kentucky's Environment to be Released May 27

Is Kentucky making the grade when it comes to protecting the environment? EQC will answer this question at a press conference to be held May 27 at the Bridgeport Elementary School in Franklin County. At that time, the Commission will release the findings of its 1998-99 *State of Kentucky's Environment* report.

This is the 4th update on environmental trends and conditions in Kentucky. While the 80-page report documents a number of improvements it also identifies several areas where progress has slowed and in some cases declined. The report focuses on five areas: drinking water, water quality, air quality, waste management, and toxics.

To order a copy of the report send a \$10 check payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer to the Environmental Quality Commission, 14 Reilly Rd., Frankfort, KY. 40601.



Kentuckians Honored at Earth Day Ceremony



Each year, in celebration of Earth Day, the Environmental Quality Commission recognizes state, local, business, and citizen leaders for their outstanding service, commitment and dedication to protecting the environment. EQC held its 1999 Earth Day Ceremony on Thursday, April 22 at the Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort. The 1999 EQC Earth Day Award winners are:

- ❖ **State Representative Greg Stumbo** (Prestonsburg) - for his leadership on environmental issues during the 1998 General Assembly.
- ❖ **Kid Doodles Play and Learn Center** (Winchester) - for teaching preschool children through songs, games, and activities to recycle and reuse items at home and at school.
- ❖ **Harlan Revitalization Association** (Harlan) - for the economic development group's efforts to protect the unique and diverse environment in Harlan County.
- ❖ **Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood Association** (Louisville) - for the group's efforts to promote waste reduction, recycling, and reuse practices at the annual Cherokee Triangle Art Fair.

❖ **Harrison Environmental Action Team** (Cynthiana) - for converting an eyesore behind the Harrison Area Technology Center into an environmental education center for students of Harrison County.

❖ **Sandy Adams, Pam Seamands, Linda Greenlief and the 4th Grade Class of Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary School** (Nicholasville) for the Black Mountain learning project and efforts to protect Kentucky's highest peak.

❖ **Garnett M. Skaggs** (Blaine) - for instilling an environmental ethic in her students at Blaine Elementary School.

❖ **Continental General Tire** (Mayfield) - for establishing an on-site recycling center to segregate and process material from the plant for recycling, diverting 41% of waste material from the landfill.

❖ **Gary Epperson** (Winchester) - for his efforts as county solid waste coordinator to promote proper solid waste management in Clark County.

❖ **Michael A. Mills**, Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation (Lexington) - for his efforts to promote recycling in the Bluegrass region.

❖ **1998 Fall Haul Planning Committee** (Fayette, Scott, Bourbon, Madison, Jessamine counties) - for joining together in a private/public partnership to collect and dispose of household hazardous wastes.

❖ **Russell Miller** (Campton) - for his efforts to clean up a 9-mile segment of the Red River.

❖ **EQC Earth Day Public Servant Award** - U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers and James E. Bickford, Secretary, Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet - for their leadership in creating the PRIDE initiative and efforts to cleanup Eastern Kentucky.

To learn more about this year's Earth Day Award recipients view EQC's web pages at (www.state.ky.us/agencies/eqc/eday.html).



Black Mountain Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition Public Hearing Rescheduled

The previously scheduled public hearing for May 4-6 has been changed to: **June 3rd** at 6:30 p.m., **June 4th** at 5:00 p.m., **June 5th** at 9 a.m. at Cawood High School in Harlan. Currently, a tentative agreement has been reached by various parties affected by the petition and the meeting may be cancelled. Written comment will be accepted through June 14. For more information contact: Vicki Pettus, Director, Division of Permits, 502-564-2320.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

May 14-15 - The Myth of Clean Water/Ky. Waterways Alliance Annual Conference - Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park near Dawson Springs. Contact: Judy Petersen, KWA, 502-524-1774.

May 14 - Ky. Geological Survey 39th Annual Seminar - Room 102, Mining and Minerals Resources Building, UK, Lexington. Contact: KGS, 606-257-5500.

May 15-22 - Nat'l River Cleanup Week - Sponsored by America Outdoors. Contact: Robin Brown, 423-558-3595 or (www.americaoutdoors.org).

May 18 - Ky. Pollution Prevention Center's ISO 14001 Overview Teleconference - Multi-sites throughout Kentucky. Contact: Mary Watson, KPCC, 502-852-0965.

May 22 - McConnell Springs Founder's Day Celebration - Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington. Contact: 606-225-4073.

May 23-26 - 5th National Clean Cities Conf. & Expo. - Various locations in Louisville. Sponsored by US Dept. of Energy and Ky. Clean Fuels Coalition. Contact: Clean Cities Conf., 301-353-1808.

May 24 - Bill and Regulation Drafting for Non Legislative Drafters Legislative Research Comm., Room 149 State Capitol Bldg. Contact: Dawn Groves, 502-564-8100, ext. 863.

June 1 - The Kentucky Constitution - Legislative Research Comm., House Chamber, State Capitol Bldg. Contact: Dawn Groves, 502-564-8100, ext. 863.

June 1-5 - Microscale Organic "Green" Chemistry Workshop - Chemistry Bldg., Belknap Campus, UL, Louisville. Contact: Dr. Christine Rich, Chemistry Dept., 502-852-6609.

June 19 - Kentucky River Clean Sweep - Contact: Sue Ann Elliston, Ky. River Authority, 502-564-2866.

PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS

Ky. Division of Water - KPDES Water Permit Notices

***Infiltrator Systems, Inc. (Clark Co.)** - a permit modification of an existing discharge of storm water runoff to add two additional outfalls from a plastic molding facility that enters an unnamed tributary of Strodes Creek (KPDES KY 0101583).

***City of Bardstown, Bardstown (Nelson Co.)** - Request for approval of a municipal pretreatment program modification resulting in the revision of local discharge limitations. **Public Comment** is due by **June 7**.

***35 Water Discharge Permit Issuances/Reissuances** - (Public Notice 1999 12-116). Contact: Judy Ziegler, 502-564-3410, ext. 465.

Ky. Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices

***River Cities Disposal, LLC, Ashland (Boyd Co.)** - Proposes to construct a contained landfill to provide long-term waste disposal for Boyd Co. and surrounding areas, including 65 counties in Kentucky and portions of Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. **Public Comment** or requests for a public hearing must be submitted by **June 2**. Contact: Bob Padgett, 502-564-6716, ext. 291.

Ky. Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

***Safety-Kleen, Inc., New Castle Recycling Center, Smithfield (Henry Co.)** - US EPA & the KY. Div. of Waste Management have arrived at a tentative decision to issue the facility a renewal permit. A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **July 2** at Henry Co. Fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg. in New Castle. Contact: Michael Welch, Hazardous Waste B., 502-564-6716, ext. 246.

Ky. Div. of Waste Management - Underground Storage Tanks

***Sturgill's Market**, Highway 172, Crockett (Morgan Co.) (1003-088) Contact: Roy Johnson, USTs Branch, 502-564-6716, ext. 223.

Ky. Division for Air Quality - Public Notices

***A.O. Smith, Mt Sterling (Montgomery Co.)** - Title V operating permit for manufacturer of rotors, starters and coils. (log# F509).

***Hawley Products, Inc., Paducah (McCracken Co.)** - Title V operating permit for manufacturer of loudspeaker cones. (log# F482).

***Desa Int'l, Bowling Green (Warren Co.)** - Title V operating permit for manufacturer of heating equipment. (log# F456).

***R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Danville (Boyle Co.)** - Title V operating permit for magazine printer and binder. (log# F460).

***Rogers Group, Inc., Hopkinsville (Christian Co.)** - Title V operating permit for asphalt plant. (log# F808).

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Meeting Announcement



EQC Black Mountain Field Trip

May 28, 1999

Harlan County, Kentucky

EQC will tour the Summit of Black Mountain and the Straight Creek Mining Mountaintop Removal and Hollowfill Operation. For more information contact Scott Richards at 502-564-2150, ext. 198.

All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters, and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.

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KY. Division for Air Quality - Public Notices- Continued

***Celotex Corp.**, Carrollton (Carroll Co.) - Title V construction and operating permit for gypsum wallboard manufacturer (log# G003).

***Lafarge Corp.**, Silver Grove (Campbell Co.) - Title V construction and operating permit for synthetic gypsum and wallboard manufacturer (log# G040).

***Westvaco Corp.**, Wickliffe (Ballard Co.) - Title V operating permit with significant revisions for increases related to pulp production (log# F922).

***Dravo Lime Co.**, Maysville (Scott Co.) - Revision of emission limits for a Title V operating permit and prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) construction/operating permit (log# G078).

***Degussa Corp.**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.) - Synthetic minor construction/operating permit at a Title V source which restricts operation so that PSD regulations do not apply (log# F917).

***Federal Mogul Corp.**, Glasgow (Barren County) Conditional major source construction/operating permit which restricts operation so that Title V does not apply for a plant expansion (log# F952).

***Lawson Mardon Packaging**, Shelbyville (Shelby Co.) - Synthetic minor operating permit at a Title V source which restricts operation so that PSD regulations do not apply (log# F829).

***Lemforder Rubber & Metal**, Hebron (Boone Co.) - Conditional major source construction/operating permit which restricts operation so that Title V does not apply (log# F796).

***Ohio Valley Aluminum Corp.**, Shelbyville (Shelby Co.) - Conditional major source construction/operating permit which restricts operation so that Title V does not apply. (log# F960).

***Summit Polymers, Inc.**, Elizabethtown (Hardin Co.) - Conditional major source construction/operating permit which restricts operations so that Title V does not apply (log# G089).

For all DAQ notices contact: Bill Dills, 502-573-3382.

U.S. EPA Underground Injection Wells - Notices

***Able Energy Co., Inc.**, McLean Co. - notice of intent to terminate an underground injection control permit in the Island North Field in McLean County (KY99UIC005)

***High Sprint Gas & Oil, Inc.**, Powderly (Christian Co.) - notice of proposed issuance of underground injection control permit within the "Spain Waterflood." (KY99UIC007)

Contact William Mann, US EPA, 404-562-9429, ext. 29452.

PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS

Division for Air Quality - proposes to amend one administrative regulation (401 KAR 51:001) and adopt five new administrative regulations (401 KAR 51:100, 110, 120, 130, & 140) to implement

the federally mandated Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) State Implementation Plan (SIP). A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **May 25** at 10:00 a.m. at Ky. Div. for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort. *For more information contact: Millie Ellis, 502-573-3382.*

* **Department for Surface Mining** - proposed amendment to 405 KAR 10:010 to incorporate by reference a new performance bond form for federal lands. A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **June 25, 1999** at 10 am in Room D-16 at 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort. *For more information contact: Jim Villines, 502-564-6940.*

GRANTS

***KY. Community Rivers and Stream Program Grants** - The Department for Local Government is requesting applications for grants that promote community partnerships that foster the management and protection of local and regional river, stream and watershed resources. Applicants must be a city, county, or urban government. Grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Deadline for project submission is **July 2, 1999**. *Contact Buddy Renaker at 502-573-2382 for more information. The handbook can be downloaded from (water.nr.state.ky.us/grants/).*

***Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative (ACSI) Grants** - Supports community efforts to clean up of rivers and streams polluted by runoff from abandoned coal mines throughout the Southeast and in other parts of the nation. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$80,000 and are being accepted until **June 1**. *Contact: Dave Beam, 606-233-2896 by phone or visit OSM's web site at (www.osmre.gov).*

***Restore Our Southern Rivers (ROSR) Program Grants** - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is providing grants for riparian and aquatic restoration/enhancement projects in Kentucky. Proposals are due by **June 1**. *Contact the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for more information at 202-857-0166 or visit web site at (www.nfwf.org/rosr.htm).*

FEDERAL NOTICES

***Draft Big South Fork General Management Plan** - The National Park Service is asking for public input on three proposals to clearly define a direction for resource preservation and visitor use. *For a copy of the proposal or to comment contact: John Fischer, Superintendent, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area at (423) 569-9778 or via e-mail at (john_fischer@nps.gov).*

PUBLICATIONS

***Ky. 305(b) Report to Congress on Water Quality** - Biennial report to Congress updating the quality of Kentucky's streams, rivers, and lakes. The report provides data on the causes and sources of water pollution. *For a copy contact: Dru Hawkins, Ky. Division of Water, at 502-564-3410 or view via the internet at (water.nr.state.ky.us/305b).*

***1997 Cancer Incidence Report** - The 7th annual report of population based cancer incidence rates by the Ky. Cancer Registry. *Contact: Thomas Tucker, KCR, at 606-257-4582 or view the report on the web at (www.kcr.uky.edu).*

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CLEANUP WEEKS NETS TONS OF GARBAGE

EQC and other employees with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet recently pitched in during Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 22-27 1999. Employees collected 774 tons of trash, 2,450 tires, 85 white goods, 109 tons of metal, and 486 miscellaneous bags of trash making Kentucky a cleaner place to live. To report an open dump call 1-888-NO-DUMPS.



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